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ABSTRACT

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An absorbent article (40), such as a labial pad, ~~[[being]]~~ is configured for disposition within the vestibule (42) of a female wearer. The labial pad may be worn by females for catamenial purposes, incontinence protection or both. The absorbent article includes an absorbent, and the absorbent has a length, a width and an upper surface. The upper surface of the absorbent has a surface area. In one embodiment, the surface area of the upper surface of the absorbent can be no less than about 700 mm², and no greater than about 1,700 mm².
